

## PATENT APPLICATION

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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For: RESIN-COATED METAL SHEET, METAL CAN AND CAN CLOSURE

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please enter the following amended claims:

3. (Amended) A resin-coated metal sheet according to claim 1, wherein said resin layer has a melt viscosity of from 2000 to 10,000 centipoises at a temperature of 260°C and at a shearing rate of 122 sec<sup>-1</sup>, and the polyester in the resin layer has an inherent viscosity (IV) in a range of from 0.6 to 1.5.

4. (Amended) A resin-coated metal sheet according to claim 1, wherein the ethylene polymer contains an ionomer resin.